Calculating hunting hours:

Legal hunting hours for the early September Canada goose season start 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset. It is illegal to take a Canada goose outside of these hunting hours. To calculate hunting hours for your zone, first, determine if you are hunting in the northern or southern area using the map to the right. Then determine the zone you are hunting. Add the minutes shown for this zone to the opening and closing times found in the appropriate hours table below.

### Hunting Hour Zones

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Find Land Open to Hunting

Wisconsin has an abundance of land open to hunting, including state-managed wildlife, fisheries, and natural areas, forests, and private land enrolled in the Managed Forest Law (MFL), Forest Crop Law (FCL), Voluntary Public Access (VPA), or Wisconsin Damage Abatement and Claims (WDAC) program. Combined, hunters have access to nearly seven million acres of land throughout Wisconsin. If you are looking for a place to hunt, please visit dnr.wi.gov. Keywords: ‘state lands’ or ‘public access to tax laws’.

Pick up litter and keep your hunting grounds healthy!

Dear Canada goose hunter,

For 15 years Wisconsin has had a statewide early Canada goose hunting season which provides a recreational opportunity and a population management tool for Wisconsin nesting Canada geese. The spring breeding population for Canada geese in Wisconsin has averaged about 142,000 over the last 10 years with an average harvest of 18,800 geese in this September 1-15 season. Over the last few years, the early Canada goose season has been important in raising the harvest rate on our local breeding population.

Hunters continue to observe plenty of Canada goose but many geese remained in towns and other areas for the chance to mate. A small number of 18,800 geese in this September 1-15 season. Over the last few years, the early Canada goose season has been important in raising the harvest rate on our local breeding population.

Hunter education certificate, *if born on or after January 1, 1973.*

A hunter who is under the age of 16 is not required to have either stamp. Wisconsin hunter education graduates do not need to purchase the state stamp privilege during the period in which the small game hunting license is free, but they must meet all other requirements. Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders and Armed Forces Small Game License holders are also exempt from the state stamp requirement, but a federal waterfowl stamp and HIP registration are required.

A hunter education certificate is not needed if you are participating in the Hunting Mentorship Program. Mentored hunters MUST be at least 10 years of age, hunt within arm’s reach of a mentor, and possess the appropriate hunting license, permits, stamps, and tags. The mentor MUST be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Wisconsin hunting license, and have completed a hunter education course if born on or after January 1, 1973. Only one firearm, bow, or crossbow is allowed to be possessed jointly between a mentored hunter and their mentor. A concealed weapon, legally possessed by a concealed carry permit holder, is counted toward the one weapon limit.

Permits are available for $3.00 at DNR service centers, license sales agents, by phone at 877-WI-LICENSE, or online at attchewr.gov. Hunting permits must be purchased at any DNR service center during the early September Canada goose season. Hunters purchasing permits online will need to allow seven business days for the receipt of the permit through the mail.

Permit fees:

- The 2014 Wisconsin waterfowl stamp ($7) is available at license agents, DNR service centers, online at dnr.wi.gov, or by phone (1-877-945-4736).
- The federal migratory bird stamp can be purchased after July 1st for $15 at U.S. Post Offices, some U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices, and online at www.fws.gov.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its programs, services, and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to Equal Opportunity Office, Department of the Wisconsin, D.O.C.

### Hunting Permits

Permits are required for hunting Canada geese. Wisconsin early September Canada goose hunting permits may be purchased at any time prior to and during the season by calling 1-800-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673) or online at dnr.wi.gov.

- A current Wisconsin early September Canada goose hunting license valid for small game (i.e., small game license, sports license, conservation patron license, archer license or crossbow license);
- A current Wisconsin early September Canada goose hunting permit;
- Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration;
- Federal waterfowl stamp privilege* (printed on your license); and
- A valid hunter education certificate,* if born on or after January 1, 1973.

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For more information, visit dnr.wi.gov. Keywords: ‘Wildlife Violator Compact.’

### Wisconsin Early September Canada Goose Hunting Regulations

**September 1-15, 2014**

**Permits, Licenses, and Stamps**

To participate in this early season, hunters must possess all of the following:

- Purchase the state stamp privilege during the period in which the small game hunting license is free, but they must meet all other requirements. Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders and Armed Forces Small Game License holders are also exempt from the state stamp requirement, but a federal waterfowl stamp and HIP registration are required.
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The state of Wisconsin is a participating member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Wildlife Violator Compact is an agreement between participating states that prohibits a person whose hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges are suspended in one state from obtaining licenses, permits, or participating in those activities in another state. The participating states include: AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, MT, ND, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, and WY. Additional states may have joined the compact since the printing of this pamphlet. For more information, visit dnr.wi.gov. Keywords: ‘Wildlife Violator Compact.’

### Questions? Call the DNR Call Center at:

1-888-WIDNR INFO (1-888-936-7463) or 1-800-268-2621 TTY Access via relay - 711

Staff are available 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

*Hmong and Spanish speaking representatives are available.*
Migratory game birds include ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, moorhens, woodcock, snipe, and mourning doves. The restrictions which apply include all those listed in the separate Small Game Hunting Section. All rules below are both State (S) and Federal (F) unless specifically noted.

Dual Violation: Violations of most state migratory bird regulations are also violations of federal regulations.

Federal Migratory Bird Regulations are based on federal regulations, contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Regional Migratory Bird Program, 5600 Fish Hatchery Rd., Blaine, WA 98230, Telephone: (612) 713-5300.

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

1. Hunt while using decoys which:
   a. placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
   b. left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
   c. used as a blind (S).
2. Baited Area:
   a. placed in the water prior to one hour before the opening of waterfowl hunting time (S).
   b. left in the water more than 20 minutes after the close of waterfowl hunting time (S).
   c. near Potosi from Wisconsin river mile 586.3 to 592.1 (S).
   d. baited area will be considered a baited area for 10 days following the hunt of migratory game birds with aid of bait, or on any areas the hunters are attempting to take them.
   e. Baited Area: hunters may not place or use any feed or salt that could serve to lure or attract migratory game birds to, or on, or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.
3. Devices:
   a. hunting with anything other than a shotgun fired from a boat while being propelled by paddle, oars, or pole.
   b. Hunting from a boat, blind, or similar devices when in open water from, or with the aid of, any blind including any boat, canoe, raft, contrivance, or similar device except:
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While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

1. Take, or attempt to take, more than one goose.
2. While pursuing migratory game birds,
   a. take, or attempt to take, more than one duck.
   b. use or attempt to use any shotshell with a shot size smaller than no. 10 gauge.
   c. while hunting waterfowl, snipe, rails, moorhens, and coot statewide with approved non-toxic shot types.

3. Devices:
   a. While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:
      - use or attempt to use any shotshell with a shot size smaller than no. 10 gauge.
      - use a crossbow unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler or uncocked or enclosed within a carrying case.
      - carry any bow, crossbow, or firearm larger than no. 10 gauge.
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4. Guns and Ammunition

While pursuing migratory game birds, it is illegal to:

1. Shoot waterfowl with a firearm having a barrel less than 18 inches in length or having a combined weight of less than a pound.
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5. Shotgun:
   a. carry on or about the person or animal being hunted.
   b. carry on or about the person or animal being hunted.
   c. carry on or about the person or animal being hunted.
6. Jugging:
   a. jugging while hunting waterfowl.
   b. jugging while hunting waterfowl.
   c. jugging while hunting waterfowl.
7. Sink Box:
   a. sink box shall be readily visible and legible at all times.
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Approved Non-toxic Shot Types

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Any proportions of tungsten and tin, and ≥1% tin are prohibited.

Health Advisory

No one should eat Canada geese during the close of hunting hours each day.

Telephone: (612) 713-5300.

For additional information on federal regulations, visit the Bird Banding Laboratory

12100 Beech Forest Rd.
Laurel, Maryland 20708.

You may hunt in any open water area regardless you are standing on the bottom without the aid of a blind. Blinds include, but are not limited to, any boat, canoe, raft, or similar device that provides any concealment for the hunter. In areas where open water blinds are legal, (see above) they shall be removed at the close of hunting hours each day.

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